

UNSUPERVISED YOUTH POLICY

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The Fremont Public Library District is dedicated to providing as safe and secure an environment as possible for the proper use of the District's resources by users of all ages. However, the District also recognizes that while its staff makes every effort, it is not possible to be in all places at all times, and the staff is not the primary caregiver for youth patrons of the District. The following policy has been set forth to provide the greatest degree of protection possible for both the Library staff and the youth of the community, as well as to preserve the most conducive environment for the use of the District's resources by all patrons.

Definitions

"Caregiver" means a minor's parent, legal guardian or custodian, age 13 or older.

"Child" means any person under the age of 8.

"Library staff" means all librarians, administrators and other employees of the District.

"Youth" means any person under the age of 13.

"Unsupervised" or "Unaccompanied" means unattended to or unmonitored by a caregiver.

Minimum Age Requirement

1. Children must be accompanied in the Library AT ALL TIMES by a caregiver.
2. In the event a child is found by the Library staff to be unaccompanied or unsupervised in the Library, the Library staff shall notify the Mundelein Police Department and request that they Mundelein Police Department or such agency take custody of the child until the child's caregiver claims the child.

Youth in Library 'After Hours'

1. In the event a youth is found by the Library staff to be unaccompanied or unsupervised in the Library after regular posted Library hours the Library staff shall notify the Mundelein Police Department and request that the Mundelein Police Department take custody of the youth and notify the youth's parents or legal guardians of his or her whereabouts.
2. The aforesaid policy shall also extend to any child found to be unaccompanied or unsupervised by a caregiver in an automobile on the District's property.

Unsupervised Youth - Generally

1. If a youth that is unaccompanied or unsupervised, as described above, becomes disruptive to the extent that the youth's behavior (1) causes other patrons to be unable to productively use the District's resources or (2) causes the Library staff to be unable to perform their job duties, the Library staff may, in its discretion, notify the Mundelein Police Department to take custody of the youth and notify the youth's parents or legal guardians of his or her whereabouts.
2. In the event a youth is found to be unaccompanied or unsupervised in the Library for more than four hours per day on more than 4 consecutive days, the Library staff may, in its discretion, send a letter to the youth's parents or legal guardians, outlining the provisions described herein and explaining that should such conditions continue, the Library staff may notify the Mundelein Police Department.